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For: PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR FOR INK JET
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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 and 8 were rejected by the Examiner in parent application serial number 09/235,549 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Japan (100). Also, claims 4-7, 9 and 10 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Japan (100), Naka or the prior art in view of Uehara, Dibbern or Okumura.

The present invention is directed to a piezoelectric actuator for an ink jet printhead which comprises a body of piezoelectric